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# *The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam*

The Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, was born in 1835 at Qadian, a village in India. In the eighties of the 19th century, he was called to the office of World Reformer to combat the current of anti-religious philosophies and to explode the Christian theory of redemption based on the fiction of Christ's death on the Cross and to tell the Christians and Muslims to call off their hope for a second visit from Christ as he had been gathered to his forefathers and barred like all mortals from coming back to the world, and that he, the Promised Messiah, had come instead.

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The Promised Messiah initiated the Ahmadiyya Movement to revive faith in God, challenging rival churches to a spiritual contest to seek Divine sanction for the religion He favoured. through prayer and appeal to Him for guidance and arbitration in the matter, by means of His signs, to re-establish the glory of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, to expound and disseminate spiritual beauties and moral excellences of the teachings of the Holy Quran, to wean men from war - like tendencies and to educate world opinion in favour of renunciation of war as a means of settling disputes, to infuse hope. faith and courage in the drooping hearts of Muslims and all the depressed races and nations of the world, to warn the exploiters, slave-drivers, and pedlars in sin against the evil consequences of their evil ways, to collect under one banner all the true followers of Islam and lovers of peace and to inculcate among them the spirit of tolerance, goodwill and self-less fellow-service and a feeling of true brotherhood.

The Promised Messiah passed away in 1908 and was succeeded by his foremost votary and closest companion, Hazrat Hafiz Haji Hakim Maulvi Nooruddin, as Khalifa-tul Masih I. After his death in 1914. the Promised Son of the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Haji Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, was chosen as Khalifa-tul Masih II. During his 52-year long leadership, the Khalifa-tul Masih II organized a world-girdling chain of mosques and missions. On his death on November 8, 1965, the electoral college named, with one accord, Sahibzada Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad, the late Khalifa-tul Masih's son and the Promised Messiah's grandson, Khalifa-tul Masih III.

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# WARNING TO INDIA

Addressing the community on 10 Fath 1350 A.H. (10 Dec 1971) at Rabwah, the Amir al-Mominin took for his text the following verses of the Holy Quran:

اذ جاءوكم من فوقكم و من اسفل منكم و اذ زاغت الابصار و بلغت القلوب الحناجر و تظنون بالله الظنونا ۔ هنالك ابتلى المومنون و زلزلوا زلزالا شديدا ، و اذ يقول المنفقون والذين فى قلوبهم مرض ما وعدنا الله و رسوله الا غرورا ۔ و اذ قالت طائفة منهم ياهل يثرب لا مقام لكم فارجعوا و يستاذن فريق منهم النبى يقولون ان بيوتنا عورة و ما هى بعورة ان يريدون الا فرارا ۔ ولو دخلت عليهم من اقطارها ثم سئلوا الفتنة لاتوها و ما تلبثوا بها الا يسيرا ۔ و لقد كانوا عاهدوا الله من قبل لا

يولون الادبار و كان عهد الله مسئولا ـ قل لن ينفعكم الفرار
ان فررتم من الموت او القتل و اذا لاتمتعون الا قليلا ـ
قل من ذا الذى يعصمكم من الله ان ارادبكم سوءا او ارادبكم
رحمة ولا يجدون لهم من دون الله ولياً ولا نصيرا .

(Al-Ahzab 11-18)

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He then said :

"These verses cover quite a few subjects. Presently I propose to briefly touch upon a couple of basic things Firstly, that trials, worries and conditions of dismay that arose at the time of the confederates' war or circumstances very much alike, which have been hinted here, could arise also on later occasions. At that hour the difference between the firm believers and the weaklings and two-timers becomes evident and their attitude towards Allah, the Magnificent, appears in two different shapes, the hypocrites' negation of faith and the believers' maturity of faith taking different forms.

The other basic point unfolded here is that the hypocrite takes the view that Allah, the Overlord, had made false promises. The faith of the hypocrite in Allah, the Sublime, or his idea of Him or his opinion about His promises or His powers and His attributes is different from the faith of a believer. The hypocrite at the hour of crises feels that Allah, the Supreme, had made a false promise. He concedes the fact that a promise or a prophecy had been made. However in an emergency when apparently chances of success and survival and solidarity are nill, the hypocrite says that the promise of God, the Sublime, had failed and that He had promised something different from what had transpired. The believer does not take that attitude though his faith takes different forms of expression ; he holds that the word that God, the Most High, had given shall come true. Fully conscious of the hardships of crises, living in the midst of it, suffering its suffocating impact, he however believes that God had forewarned him of such embarrassing cricumstances and had promised relief and victory and since one part of the promise had been fulfiilled the second part shall certainly

be implemented.

The Promised Messiah (peaee be on him and grace) saw in a vision the enemy invading his garden and he felt very much upset. He has related this vision in Arabic. He says in this connection that he found himself alone in that situation without a helper or a friend in sight. He says that in that crisis Allah, the Magnificent helped him and beheaded the enemy and amputated his limbs.

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On this occasion I want to recommend prayers in favour of our brethern living in Qadian. War clouds were gathering, I guess it was before November 22, some time before East Pakistan was attacked and we learnt that our poor Dervish brethern residing in Qadian entertained the apprehension that in the event of breakout of war they might be subjected to harassment. Now the war is on and we have no contact with them since telegraph and postal facilities do not exist. We should engage in constant prayer that Allah, the Excellent, may be pleased to overlook our remissness and to accept the humble efforts he has enabled us to offer and dedicate to His pleasure and that He may be pleased to fulfil the promises He has made which must at all events come true, in our lives.

Here I want to give a warning to Bharat. The smallest weapons that modern armies carry are rifles. But I and my community do not even have rifles. I am therefore not saying this in the flush of wordly power. At the same time this is not a political declaration. I am not a politician and have no concern with politics. But as a humble Dervish and a lowly servant of God, neither carrying a rifle nor enjoying political power, I want to tell India that it if did not treat well the Muslims living in India and disregarded their rights and tried to oppress them, in the name of God in whom we believe and place our trust and believing in the promises He has given us, I declare that its throat will be cut and that it will never merit success. Therefore in the interest of your menfolk, your children and your womenfolk and your posterity treat all your Muslim citizens

wherever they reside in Bharat well and render to them their dues otherwise you (India) will have to pay heavily for it and this Divine scourge will be in addition to the Divine wrath India has incurred by its bloody and barbarous aggression against Pakistan. Do not take note of the fact that I do not carry even the smallest arm. Rather Bharat should endearvour to see that Powerful Almighty Lord with the eyes given for that very object, fla-hes of whose power granted Bharat life and are sustaining it. For, when the waves of the wrath of that Almighty Powerful God take that land in their sweep, then not even aggregate weaponry of the entire world shall succeed in saving Bharat.

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## Temporary Reverse in East Pakistan

In his Friday sermon delivered at Rabwah on Fath 17, 1352 A.H. (circa December 17, 1971) the Khalifa-tul Masih III observed :

"During the course of fighting a retreat is called for on some fronts, men are surounded, some cut off and even armies are contained completely in a strangle-hold. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be with him). remained besieged for some two to three-years and on some occasions for a short while was left alone, I mean just with a few companions about him, and later that time became only a memory. At certain points a great loss was suffered in the view of the enemy who regarded it a reverse, even though it was a temporary one. But our front then extended over time and currently our front of Pakistan extends over geographical boundaries. In other words, hostility started at the incipient stage of the advent of the Holy Prophet (blessings of Allah and His peace with him). This hostility was

not of a mild chracter ; it was vicious and characterized with malice. In the beginning it was felt that fighting was uncalled for and it was believed that without resort to it the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and Islam could be easily nipped in the bud. But when Islam did not wane in the pre-war period and instead of flagging the heavenly expedtion started gaining in vigor, then the time came when the enemy seriously considered the idea of fighting Muslims, who, it appeared, would not be crushed without war. Then a whole series of battles started.

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## A Small Force

The Muslims were only a handful. If we view the perspective with the eye of imagination then before our gaze unfolds a front extending over time beginning from the first battle to the period of the conquest of Mecca. Then there are other fronts during the Khilafat-i-rashida period. I use the expression time—front because there was only one small army of dedicatees and persevering fighters ready at all times to lay their lives for Allah, the Magnificent. It was a small force that kept battling. Some people joined them from among the newcomers but it was the early nucleus that fought the first battle, also the second battle and then the third battle. We find this front extendung over time in the later stage. For instance, in the eight to ten battles that Khalid bin Walid fought against Xerxes in Iran, he commanded some 18000 Muslim soldiers. Some of them fell martyrs and some were wounded. In short, this was a small army which fought once and again and again ; every short while they had to confront a fresh enemy host numbering from 40,000 to 60,000 and even 80,000 and seldom less than 60,000. Now this is the front of an army extending over time. Our front extends over geographical boundaries from Karachi to Kargil running to Dinajpur thence extending over the whole of East Pakistan. At every front we have our groups. In the beginning there was only one group that appears striding over time. At present there are different groups or units or divisions

of one army stationed over different fronts. Just as during the time of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessing of Allah be with him) hardships and hard times had to be suffered along the front that extended over time, so have we to face hardships and hard times at this hour on some fronts that extend over geographical boundaries. This risk is part of the war which takes different shapes at different times. But battles do not decide the destiny of nations. It is the defeat or victory in war that determines the issue and in order to win the war in spite of what has happened in East Pakistan, there should not be the slightest relaxation in the extreme effort and struggle that are called for; nor there should be any depression and dejection in hearts. On the contrary, reliance on Allah, the Magnifiecent, should receive a fillip. The odds were heavier in the early period in terms of the time angle, for, the whole fighting force was involved at the time. At this moment our entire force has not been involved in that predicament. Only a part of the nation is faced with hard luck. If we have any sense of honor of faith in us, we should not lay down arms until we have won the war. There is no pleasure in being called Muslims in that case. Let all Ahmadies and my other brethern remember, if we have to make faith, piety, purity, and prophecies about Islam, our talking points in our social gatherings, in our conversation, over our radio and in our newspapers, then it will be necessary to live as Muslims. We can otherwise hardly deserve to be worthy of the prophacies made by Allah, the Supreme, in favor of Islam. We can deserve the patrimony those promises carry when we truly qualify ourselves for that heritage. If we reject the patrimony of sacrifice, self-effacement, reliance on God, and devotional attitude, how can we be worthy of the heritage the Divine prophecies promise?

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Remember that the first patrimony that we inherited was that of sacrifice, self-denial, courage, fearlessness which was due to our earlier heritage, our total reliance on God, the Sublime and our fear of Him and of none besides Him. It was then

that the promises of Allah, the Overlord, were fulfilled. If we take to our heart this patrimony as a precious gift and not disdain to adopt it, the Divinely promised heritage can be within our reach and His prophecies shall find fulfillment in our favor. God forbid that we ever turn down this basic patrimony, for, in that case the question of deserving promised rewards would hardly arise !

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## Reward Contingent on effort

That basic heritage of the spiritual progeny of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) which was the partimony of their fore-fathers who had invested everything they had, for the supremacy of Islam, in loving obedience to the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be with him) consists of the spirit of sacrifice, of devotion, of readiness to wage war with eager heart and enthusiasm and disregard of life and full faith in God and contemptous disregard of all others than Him. When we succeed to this heritage, making ourselves worthy of it, then the promises of God, the Most High, shall certainly find fulfillment. It can never come to pass that when we have acquired these qualities the Divine promises should fail us. But if we disregard our compassionate (Rahim) God then the Divine promises that are contingent on sacrifices on our part would not be implemented. Our God is Compassionate (Rahim) ; He grants us the reward of suitable deeds. When a man has no virtuous deed to offer there are no Divine promises that have to be implemented in his case. Through the manifestation of His basic attributive Rahman (Gracious) Allah, the Illustrious, made air, and rays of sun and packed its rays with vitamins (many people are unware of it. They are used to taking out of a phial a pill of vitamins bearing different names like a b c d ; God, the Excellent, has put vitamins in the rays of the sun. One who basks in the sun he takes the equivalent of a pill or two of vitamins) These are the flashes of Divine grace (Rahmaniyyat). But the manifestation of

His Compassion (Rahimiyyat) is contigent on work ; the flashes of the attributive Rahim and Malik-i-yaumiddin (Master of the Day of requital) shall be manifested only when there is a suitable service rendered by man. This Jehad, this eternal war that has been programmed for us for the glory of Islam, is centred in opportune virtuous activity. We experience flashes of Divine compassion in response to it. In short, the manifestation of Divine compassion (Rahimiyyat) is unthinkable without reference to an act of virtue. We should hence honor our commitments and we should make the resolution that we and our generations shall not rest until we have recovered our lost wealth of which East Pakistan is but a small portion which has been wrested from us. Our property is the entire world and we have to wrest it from the enemy and to recover it from Satan for the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace of Allah and His blessings be on him. We have to win over the hearts of the whole world in the name of God, the Supreme, and for His adoration. We cannot fail ; in fact we should never entertain the thought of defeat in our hearts.

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In war temporay worries do arise. We witness these incidents even in the life of the Holy Prophet (peace of Allah and His blessings be be with him) and none is a greater object of Divine love than him. This is not an indication of the absence of Divine love ; on the contrary it heralds the dawn of lovelier flashes of Divine indulgence ; only one should work to merit them. We witness these flashes in the incipient stage of Islam. If one makes himself worthy of them today he will certainly experience them. There is therefore no ground for losing heart. The members of our community who had to seek refuge have passed through a critical stage which has a parallel in the current situation. They left behind everything. God, the Excellent, granted them here far more than what they had to abandon behind. Before I assumed the office of Khilafat, I used to sound some of my land-owning friends and co-workers whether they were making more from the land here than they

were earning from their land overthere. They affirmed that they were much better off in that respect though the land acreage they had been alloted here was far less than what they had left behind. On my enquiry if they would want to go back they would say they would love to, but they did not look forward to making there so much as they were harvesting here. Evidently God, the Excellent, has been gracious; though we were deprived of all of our landed property in 1947 and we were alloted apparently a comparatively small acreage, but it was blessed with plenitude. At a glance the overall position of the community will reveal that since 1947 its gross income has risen ten-fold. This is relevant to the position of the West Pakistan community only; it does not take into account the members who joined the movement overseas. It is the income of the West Pakistan Ahmadiyya community that has increased ten-fold. I have caught sight of a member this very moment. He had overthere small shops worth rupeee 500 to 1000 at the most. Here God, the Sublime, has favored him with a fortune worth hundreds of thousands of rupees.

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The moral is clear : Allah, the Magnificent, is the Master of all wealth. It is the duty of man to immerse himself in His adoration and offer up everything he possesses. And what is that a man possess individually ? A sum of five rupees or five hundred, a thousand, a hundred thousand or ten million. When we call upon an individual to offer up all that he owns, it means no more and no less than this paltry estate, which is limited and can be computed. But God, the Glorious, promises to grant all that He has which is beyond computation and without limit. This therefore is far from being a losing bargain. We have therefore to go through hard times with pleasure and joy and have to offer greater sacrifices and with full trust and faith in God, the Supreme, have to qualify for greaten promises.

## General massacre feared

In short, fortunes of war alternate. But even in such

circumstances, our reaction takes the shape of total reliance on God, the Most High and a determination to invest everything for the vindication of the honor of Islam and to render assistanee to our brethren. Our hearts do not bleed only over a disconcerting situation confronting us on one front ; they bleed painfully because of the disaster that has overtaken some 60 million Muslims of East Pakistan and we must therefore render greater sacrifices for them. You have no idea of the peril they are facing This morning BBC in a brief report said that a general massacre of Muslims had started in East Pakistan. The Bengali Muslim who under a misapprehension was aspiring for self-determination is now under the knife of the Hindu. In 1947 we had to offer the lives of a few hundred thousand. Now I am afraid we shall have to lose the lives of a few millions, may be 7 to 8 or even 10 million. This is the situation that is obtaining overthere. We are theretore deeply concerned and grieved and only Allah, the Overlord, can relieve us of this agony and there is no way of deserving His grace except through humble prayers. We therefore greet everything that comes to us from God, the Subl.me, and seek it. He has told us that all blessings are due to Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him. We should therefore glorify Him and invoke His blessings on the Holy Prophet during these days with increased urgency, without setting a target, so that by the grace of the Almighty Allah and through the blessings of Muhammad, His Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) we are favored with the grant of our desiredata.

Martyrs never die

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اذا جاء نصر الله و الفتح و رايت الناس يدخلون فى دين الله

افواجاً فسبح بحمد ربك واستغفره انه كان توابا

After reciting the above verses, the Khalifa-tul Masih III,

addressing the members at Rabwah on Friday 24 Feth 1350 A.H. (circa 24 December, 1971), observed :- In his commentary on the sura under reference the Promised Reformer, the late Khalifa-tul Masih II, (Allah be pleased with him) says that it carries promises of Islamic conquests after the death of the Holy Prophet (peace of Allah and His blessings be with him) because this *sura* was revealed after the fall of Mecca. There is some discrepency in reports ; nevertheless, he lived after the revelation of this *sura* between 70 to 80 days. Then he passed away.

This *sura* covers quite a few points. Of these one is that man cannot disengage himself from distress and hardships which confront him as a result of his own sinfulness, shortcomings and misdeeds, without receiving strength from Allah, the Sublime. *Istighfar*, a derivative of *ghafar* means seeking protection of Allah, the Illustrious, and praying to Him to remove the threat and plug the breach that has come to surface, in one shape or the other. During the period of the early Khilafat and later for hundreds of years, in fact up till now Islam suffered periods of hardship and disturbance but, in terms of fhe Divine promise, the prayers of the Holy Prophet Muhummad (peace of Allah and His blessings be on him) stood in good stead and on account of them and the auxiliary prayers we offer the breach was mended, the evil was dissipated, the matters were reorganized and unhappy spell gave way to days of jubilation.

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It is perhaps to awaken and pull up that trials transpire but that party of the nation of Islam which in obedience to the pleasure and command of Allah, the Supreme, seeks His cover turning to Him, finds Him oft-returning with mercy and forgiveness. Did ever at any time the followers of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) turn to Allah, the Magnificent, and found Him disdaining to favor them with compassionate attention? Our whole history is packed with these events and it has been happening in every age as God, the Supreme, has said, and every country and every community of the world are witnesses to it.

Currently we are going through hard times and sad days but these worries are temporary and passing. We should seek strength from our Creator praying to Him humbly to forgive by His grace our shortcomings, our remissness and our sins which led to these anxious moments and to put us right and open our eyes and lead us to the straight way so that our hardships may end and, Allah, willing, they shall end.

The Muslim history tells us that when the dirty blots of sin disfigure the piety-wear, the sheet of purity and nature-apparel of a Muslim, he does not wash it only with his tears, he does wash it with tears also but not the tears that are a result of weakness, nor those that are shed to secure help from other than Allah nor those that are the outcome of impatience but the tears that are offered in the darkness of night to the Loving Lord and Creator; no doubt the blemishes disfiguring his piety-wear, his purity sheet and his nature-apparel are washed with these tears and a Muslim takes to this course, in the cover of the darkness of night, concealed from the view of others, he sheds tears in His presence to purify himself and to deserve His Compassion.—a Muslim however does not shed only his tears to wash sins, drawbacks and remissness in his life, he goes one further; he washes these blemishes with his blood too; he describes floral patterns over his piety-sheet, with his blood and these flowers cover up the blots bringing into bold relief his inner beauty and comeliness.

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## Death & Blood

Blood! death, these two are inherent in the content of Islam —Islam means infliction of death through losing oneself in Allah, the Lord of glory and receiving a new life by His Mercy. One who is martyred in the battle-field, if he has laid his life for God, the Sublime, with clear intent, he instantly re-enters the party of the living through his martyrdom. The Quran says, "Do'nt call them (the martyrs) dead". Not only the martyr but even the truly believing Muslim receives the gift of everlasting life from

God, the Magnificent, when he subjects himself to death for the sake of God, the Illustrious.

If today we are prepared to undergo death of this kind, if we are immersed in the love of God, the Supreme, if we start partaking of Divine attributes by exposing ourselves to the typhoons of annihilation, where is the earthly power that can destroy us? No earthly power can ever encompass the destruction of the elite of God, the Excellent. We have therefore no cause to feel despondent. No doubt the world is hurling taunts at us today and has made us a butt of its remarks but we do not take notice of it because God, the Sublime, has given us the gladdening news that the sun of the glory of Islam has arisen. When the black clouds of the black false goddess interpose, the light vanishes, temporarily, only for a while. but it cannot be a permanent impediment to the supremacy of Islam.

## Dawn of Islam's glory

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People say how Muslim Bengal would revert. I say you are talking of Muslim Bengal only. We plan to recover for Islam the entire non-Muslim world and this Divine Promise must come true one day.: we are today witnessing its signs in the dawn of Islam's glory. This is not the dream of a lunatic that Muslim Bengal shall come over. On the contrary, that Islam will be overwhelmed can be only a loony's dream. Islam shall never be overwhelmed. Not only Muslim Bengal, even Hindu Bengal, not only Muslim Bengal, even Hindu Bharat, not only Muslim Bengal even the Christian world, not only Muslim Bengal even the Communist world, not only Muslim Bengal even the atheisis and the idol worshippers, shall, all of them, be drawn over to Islam. This is one of those decrees of Allah, the Magnificent, that are inevitable. This shall, Allah willing, come to pass. But you should seek succour from God and have recourse to *Istighfar* (seeking forgiveness of Him) since when you will have undergone a death to merit the mercy and grace of God, the Supreme, through effacing yourselves in His love, then you will

be gifted with a life full of bliss, joy and jublication for you and of blessing and mercy for the world. Amen !

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# *Patriotism an ingredient of Faith*

In his address to the community on Friday 31 Fath 1350 A.H. (circa 31 Dec. 1971) at Rabwah, the Amir-al-Mominin Khalifa-tul Masih III after reciting the verse :

و لا يحزنك قولهم ان العزة لله جميعا هو السميع العليم

(Al-Quran : Yunus 66) observed : I have received intelligence that in some placees through posters and in other places through speeches and talks it is planned to hurt the Ahmadiyya Community with calumny and libel. So far as the disposition of the community is concerned (every community has a disposition) the human eye has invariably observed that we have never returned abuse for abuse and when we were hurt it never crossed our minds to hurt back. For, we regard ourselves part of the Model people خير امت which has been raised by the command of Allah, the Sublime, and must necessarily survive so that the ocean of beneficence that sprung up in the person of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace of Allah and His blessings be with him) and the streams flowing from it may overflow in different directions in the world for the amelioration of mankind. To foul up the atmosphere in this manner and to expose their innermost at this time when Pakistan is passing through a most critical situation and our national survival calls for utmost sacrifices is not an act of enmity towards us but an act of treachery to the country itself. May Allah grant the people of this mentality the light of wisdom so that they may start understanding realities of the situation and should desist from harming themselves and the nation.

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In fact, they are the thorns that lie across our way. We never said that our way was free from thorns. We have been told that there will always be thorns across our path but that we should not mind them. We were warned that there will be obstacles in our way but that we should leap across them and pay no heed to these things and instead concentrate on the mission that has been entrusted to us. We observed, as our eyes saw, that during the past 80 years whenever expletives of this type were got up against us and they were always contrived, we never suffered on account of them. Every one of you sitting here is a witness of the fact that the mission of the Glorious spiritual son of the Holy Prophet (blessings of Allah and His peace be on him) did not fail. Not only the people of the world even the people of his household and his homelaod had abandoned him. He was not seeking honor for himself. He was striving for the honor of only one person by the blessings of whose glory all honors are granted. If there had not been the person of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may blessings of Allah and His peace abide with him) not one member of the human race would have been worthy of any respect. His beloved spiritual son resolved to face every dishonor for the sake of this Most Honourable, not motivated by any selfish consideration, but to illumine mankind with the light of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Allah's blessings and His grace be on him) and to inspire their hearts with feelings of his high estimation. He had been raised up with this mission. But many things were said against this great spiritual son of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), such harsh things as were never heard by any ear after the Holy Prophet (blessings of Allah and His peace be on him). But that brave of God and grand spiritual heir of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) would hear but would not feel aggreived, for, he had heard through the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace of Allah and His blessings abide with him) the words لا يحزنك قولهم (and their language should not make you greive). How could he then

grieve when on behalf of and under his command some men communicated to him greetings from the Holy Prophet Muhammad (blessings and peace of Allah be with him) while angels were communicating to him greetings from the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace of Allah and His blessings be on Him) all the time. How could he then grieve or feel despondent or perturbed? In fact, he felt happy. These thorns in the way were causing him no hurt; for him they were but flowers. Every harm caused to him brought in its train joys, accentuating in his heart the compassion for mankind and feelings of fellow service. He had sensed that the world was in ignorance and would not see that its Creator had resolved on initiating a great revolution in the globe.

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## Heal Injuries

He was given to praying. He warned us that if we failed to pray for our enemies in the same way as we do for our friends, we shall be running the risk of stinting the growth of our faith. In short, he wished nobody ill nor did he enjoin on us ill-will towards others and commanded us to serve one and all and wish everybody well, seeking their well-being and work to assuage pain and heal injuries. He imparted this teaching to us, for, as he said this was what behoved the partisans of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him), without deflecting and straying from the course. Therefore what did not make us despendent or grief-stricken during the past eighty years cannot ruffle our minds today; for we know all dominion and all power belong to Allah, the Lord of glory, and that the activities and scheme that displease Him never succeed, for, He is both Hearing and Knowing.

In order to enforce and assure the success of His plan in this material world He raises some men and then favors them with the gift of prayer. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be with him) came with the final lawcode, not only final but the greatest, the loveliest, the highest and

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the toptmost which none of his predecessor-prophets brought to the world nor they could have, for, man was not yet mentally matured to receive it. The Holy Quran informs us that Allah, the Sublime, exhorted him, off and on, to keep praying for his followers and for the entire mass of mankind. If we engage ourselves in suffering injury with forbearance and answer back calumny with prayers and with means of relief in return for torment, according to the pattern of excellent conduct set by the Holy Prophet (blessings of Allah and His peace be with him) then we shall deserve the prayers he tendered. How then a people who receive the benefit of the prayers of the Holy Prophet (peace of Allah and His blessings be on him) can grieve? Their countenance will be ever lighted up with smiles. The faces of the members of the Ahmadiyya community radiate joy. Allah, the Magnificent, our adored and our exceedingly indulgent Lord, heard the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and by His leave the process continues, for, He has the knowledge of the past and of the future. Prayers cannot therefore remain beyond the veil, for, He is the all-knowing. Being the knowing, Allah, the Illusrious, has fully covered the prayers the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be with him) offered for his followers and for mankind as He comprehends everything. He knows that the work performed by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace of Allah ard His blessings he with him) reflected fully the light, the feelings of solicitude and of compassion for mankind he had been raised with. It was therefore that somebody said that if one wanted to have an idea of the character of the Holy Prophet (peace of Allah and His blessings be on him) he should go through the Holy Quran ; he did as he was bidden. Therefore why our God who lends His ear to the petitions of his choicest worshippers and keeps them well in mind, being fully cognizant of the sincerity of his deeds and honesty of his motives and of his feeling, shall not accept his prayers and save the nation of Islam from distress? Sacrifices will, of course, have to be made ; it is no burden. Why then the Lord who hears

our prayers through the grace of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (blessings and peace of Allah be on him) will not resolve our difficulties if we are sincerely motivated and have honest intentions and are pining and deeply involving ourselves in concern for the relief of mankind to relieve them from miseries, our hearts brimming with prayers like the basin of oceans brimming over with water, in return for their calumny.

## Patriotism Part of Faith

The Hearing God is disposed to accept our sincere prayers, knows our deeds and disposed to cover our human weaknesses with the blanket of His forgiveness. After putting faith in this Hearing and Knowing God one should not feel disheartenêd in the midst of hardships. For, we know that العزت لله جميعا all power belongs to Allah the Sublime and He dominates over everything. If we see anyone else having supremacy, it is either by way of test or trial or as a gift. Real power, honor and dominion belong only to Allah, the Most High. We believe in this mighty and powerful God. He has every power and is the source of every dominion and dominance. He commands us لا يحزنک Not to grieve over posters and talks of this type. Why shall we grieve then ? Therefore do not feel provoked. For at present our country is facing a great crisis. Our hearts are packed with patriotic feelings which bear the seal, the Seal of Prophets, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has imprinted in the words حب الوطن من الايمان

"Patriotism is an ingredient of Faith" (Mauzuati Kabir by Imam Mulla Ali Qari, Page 40, Muhammadi Press Lahore edition of 1302 A. H.)

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This is that true love of homeland, which is free from the stain of sin and hurting thoughts, a love infused in our hearts in obedience to the example and command of the Holy Prophet (Allah's blessings and His peace be with him) ; it is this love which demands of us that we should not demur even if we have to stake our lives and never let our country suffer any loss, even though we be greeted with abuse from all quarters.

It is not only our country that we are concerned with, it being only a part of the undertaking entrusted to us, that of working out dominance of Islam all over the globe, offering finance and lives as sacrifices in this behalf.

There is no doubt about it that these sacrifices are very insignificant but what is required of us is to tender the extreme sacrifice we can in terms of our power and capacity. Now if a person can afford a half-rupee as his offering in terms of his capacity and resources, in the eyes of the world it does amount to a mean offer of half a rupee but the eye of God, the Gracious, looks at it from a different angle; He sees that the man made the best offer he could within his means and his capacity. When, therefore, the extreme sacrifice is made with humble prayers, clean motive and sincere heart, then the mercy of God, the Illustrious, shows its flashes and Allah, the Magnificent, accepts that sacrifice.

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Today our country is calling "O my sons, O inhabitants of this part of the globe, offer the extreme sacrifices for my security, fortification and survival." Let the world say what it will, we should make all sacrifices for our country in the spirit of حب الوطن من الايمان (patriotism is part of faith). But these extreme sacrifices should be such as can deserve to be appreciated by God, the Supreme, and which are productive of results, through the powerful hands of the Almighty Lord of Honour.

But as I have said this is but a fraction of our mission. We have to work for the supremacy of Islam in the entire world. We have to pray for the emancipation of mankind from darkness and have to tender the best sacrifices to God, the Almighty, to infuse in the hearts of mankind love of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). If, God forbid, these pin-pricks were to divert our attention, then we would have failed in our mission. Members should, therefore, look away from these troubles. For, we have not been raised to suffer defeat. For, the Founder of the great Ahmadiyya

Movement (peace be on him) had said much earlier that our very nature was free from any ingredient of failure. Conditions were different then. Now the whole world has undergone a change. The Movement enjoys prestige not only in Pakistan but in the whole world and hearts have been infused with such love and affection for the community that you can hardly imagine. In short, the heaven and the earth have undergone a transformation. It was said that for the sake of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) such a situation will be created in this material, sinning and stinking world that this earth will become a different earth and this sky a different sky. This transformation is under way and shall, Allah willing, reach the acme of its evolution. We have therefore not to be distracted in the least by things that are apparently hurting ; nor have we to flame up nor make representation to any one nor complain.

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## Forgive those who hurt

Keep then attending to the job entrusted to you with concentration and sense of dedication with all your powers and capacities keyed up to the limit. You will then see how Allah, the Magnificent, by His grace pours down flashes of His mercy on you and on those who are today your enemies, by accepting your prayers for them. For, he is a very loving God: He forgives people. When sinners like us get inclined to forgive others, why would He who has all power disdain to forgive men ?

In short, forgive those who abuse you. May Allah, the Sublime, forgive them too and may a new, bright, illuminated, luminent and beautiful heaven of the compassion and light of Allah, the Supreme, and of the love of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, (peace of Allah and His blessings be on him) come into shape, in the brilliance of whose light and under whose shadow the earth that we see today may give place to a new one. We pray that Allah, the Supreme, may be pleased to draw that day nearer

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# A Memorable Day

## THE 20TH FEBRUARY

*(By Abdul G. Soofi)*

Amir-ul-Mominin Hazrat Haji Mirza Fazle Omar Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifa-tul Masih II, The Promised Reformer was born Saturday night of January 12, 1889, at Qadian, India.

It was a memorable event in the eventful history of Islam. A wave of jubilation swept the hearts of the disciples of the Divine appointee, Imam of the age, the Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, in deep gratitude to the Gracious God, for, the birth of a male-child in his household had been expected in fulfilment of the forceful prophecy announced by the Divine Reformer in the year 1886.

The Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, had been called in 1882 to his Divine mission to regenerate Islamic faith and purify Islamic practice.

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Islam, as a spiritual force, had lost its hold on the souls of its followers. Faith had crumbled ; practice was ignored ; doctrine had been dogmatized ; instruction had been neglected. The kernel lay embedded deep beyond the ken of the erudite and only the shell remained. Muslims differed over small details and ignored the common cardinals. They wrangled, argued, swapped anethmas and made religion a laughing-stock and a ready target of the hostile forces. They were cut up into as many as 72 warring camps. The glory of Islam had become a past story ; its political power had dwindled ; state after state and kingdom after kingdom and nation after nation had faded into the backyard of history.

The great Mughal had laid down his sceptre. The warrior Pathan had been hemmed in his hilly homeland. Persia lay bleeding under the heels of foreigners. The Ottoman Empire had become a broken reed waiting for a storm to blow it into

pieces. The storm brewed and blowed and Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Tripoli and Egypt became deadweights rocking the boat into boisterous seas.

The star of the cross was shining bright on the horizon. The Western powers ruled Asia and Africa and the Christian Church was having a field day. It hoped and planned to annex the entire world of Islam to its growing empire. It had purse; it had power; it had prestige; it had a slick tongue and a slicker pen. Islam, the Holy Quran, the Holy Prophet, the Muslim rulers of the past, history of Islam, all came nnder the Church's concerted vicious attacks from all directions.

Islam had no central leadership. It lacked organization: it lacked funds: it lacked guts. A heavy cloud of deadly gloom enveloped the trembling hearts of the Muslim masses.

They felt the end had come. Then came the Imam of the age. It was a bugle that blew from the core of heavens thundering across the horizon as it reached down to the earth. There was suddenly a galvanizing force released that sent some hearts thrilling, others were petrified and still others were infuriated.

A storm arose. The elite hailed him and they were few, The haughty denounced him and they were many. The bigots joined in the chorus. At that hour, the hour of pain and anguish, the Hazrat undertook a journey to Ludhiana and Hoshiarpur where he retired to a lonely cottage far beyond the din of the town. During his forty-day retreat there, he prayed for the victory of faith and for a miracle, a miracle of grace, as a sign manual of the Divine origin of Islam.

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## Key to Victory

His prayer was heard. On February 20, 1886, he announced the Divine communication in a poster that was widely published, in the following words, the words he received from the Lord of heavens and earth, the Lord of immeasurable grace:

> "The Compassionate, the Noble, the Mighty, the Exalted Lord-God Who has power over everything,

> Whose station is high and Whose name is honoured, addressing me by means of His speech, said: "I grant thee a sign of mercy, like the one thou hast begged of Me.

"Now then, I have heard thy supplications and confered on thy petitions through compassion, a place in the seat of acceptance and have made thy journey (to Hoshiarpur & Ludhiana) blissful for thee. Now then, thou art given the Sign of Grace and Benificence and handed the key to victory and triumph. O victorious, peace be on thee! God said this so that those who seek life should be freed from the paws of death and those who lie buried in graves may find their way out and so that the honor of Islamic faith and the glory of the Word of Allah may become manifest to people and so that Truth may come with all its blessings and falsehood may flee with all its curses and so that men should understand that I am the Almighty with power to do what I will and so that they may believe that I am with thee and so that those who do not believe in the person of God and disbelieve and reject the religion of God and the Book of God and the Holy Prophet of God, Muhammad the Chosen, may confront a clear sign and so that the path of the wrong-doers may become obvious. Now then, have the good tidings that thou shalt be given a dignified child, a pure boy. Thou shalt receive a holy son. That son, that child will be of thy seed, thy progeny and thy generation.

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A handsome pure boy is coming. He is thy guest. His name is Immanuel and also Bashir. He has been gifted with the Holy Spirit and he is free from impurity. He is the light of Allah. Blessed is the one coming from Heaven. With him is Fazl that will come as he comes. He will enjoy glory, grandeur and wealth. He will come to the world to purify many of their ills through his Messianic breath and spirit of righteousness.

He is the word of Allah, for, the mercy and jealousy of God Has sent him by the article of His glory. He will be

exceedingly intelligent and of keen perception and *tender of* heart and will make four of three (its meaning is not clear).

It is a Monday; the auspicious Monday, heart-warming son, honoured, lucky, manifestor of the Prime and of the Final, Manifestor of the Truth and the Victory, as if Allah had come down from the heavens Himself, whose descent will be full of blessings and means of the manifestation of the supreme Majesty of God.

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Light is on its way, light that God annointed with the perfume of His own pleasure.

"We will infuse in him Our own Spirit and the Divine shadow shall be his umbrella. He will grow fast and will be the means of the emancipation of slaves and shall be known to the ends of the earth and nations will receive blessings through him.

"Then he will be lifted towards the heavens, to the high pinnacle of his soul and this is a matter that has been already decreed".

The Promised son assumed leadership of the Movement in 1914 and remained at the helm for 52 years. In the course of his ministry, he rode every storm and there were many in his life and he beat down to the knees every hostile host and there were quite a few of them.

He made the cause of Islam securer by his handling it, the air purer by his breathing it and the earth cleaner by his treading it. He left behind a strong and growing center of Islam propagation activity, a chain of missions and mosques girdling the world, a string of translations of the Quran in a dozen languages, a voluminous commentary of the Holy Book, a very arsenal of Islamic weaponry trained on every anti-Islam and anti-movement target and, a body of zealots devoted to hold aloft the banner of the Holy Prophet Muhammad as long as life lasts.

He passed away on September 8, 1965, but lives in the memories, minds and hearts and prayers of his devotees.

# Ahmadiyya Mission Enterprize

## New Health Centers & Schools in Africa

### Welcome Address by Hon. S.A. Kabe, on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the Ahmadiyya school and Health centre Rukupr.

"Hon. Minister, Hon. Members, Paramount Chiefs, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. I regard it as a great honour and priviledge to be invited to address this gathering on this occasion of the official opening ceremony of both the Rukupr Ahmadiyya Secondary School and Ahmadiyya Hospital.

First of all, I wish to welcome you all and to say how happy I am that you have found time to attend this very important function. Today is indeed a wonderful day, and is all the more wonderful because we have waited for this day with impatience. I am particularly happy because today's ceremony marks a very important milestone in the educational development of our country especially Kambia District. Today we have with us here representatives of Ahmadiyya Mission who have helped make this occasion a reality. I must express on behalf of my people of Kambia Central Constituency our gratitude to this mission for their invaluable contribution to our nation-building.

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I am justifiably proud that Rukupr town is gradually fulfilling our national desires. I wish to assure the Ahmadiyya Mission that the Government of President Siaka Stevens will do everything in her power to assist in the development of Secondary School and Hospital. Also, I crave the indulgence of Government to put more effort in the development of the Muslim religion all over the country.

Once again, I wish to welcome all those present here this morning and extend my profound thanks to the Ahmadivya Mission for the good work they started and hope it will continue. My thanks also go to the Officers of Rice Research Station, for their untiring efforts in the development of this district.

Finally, I wish to thank Messrs E.T.T.C. and the Lebanese group in this district for their valuable contribution towards our economic development.

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I thank you all for listening.

Inaugural address of Hon: Bangali Mansaray, Resident minister, Northern Precinct :

"Mr. Chairman, Honourable Members of Parliament, General Secretary Ahmadiyya Mission, Paramount Chief, and dignitaries of the Ahmadiyya Muslim sect, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am very happy and delighted to be here with you on this auspicious occasion, the inauguration of the Health Centre and Secondary School in Rukupr of Sierra Leone.

As Government we have always followed a strictly non-aligned denominational policy in education and expressed willingness to grant educational aid to any religious denomination, so long as it is in the interest of the people of Sierra Leone. It is in this spirit that Government has accepted the services of the Ahmadiyya Muslims in Sierra Leone. And I am happy to say that government is highly appreciative of the services rendered by them in both Medical and Educational spheres.

The Rukupr Mission was founded in 1937 by the Pioneer Missionary Maulana Alhaj Nazir Ahmad Ali, as the first base for missionary activities in the then Protectorate of Sierra Leone. I remember him when he first resided at 2 Elk Street Freetown with Kandeh Bureh then Saidi Bai Kamara, where he first started his teaching of Islam. He was an eloquent speaker and historian and was found to be a theologian of both Islam and Christianity. I still have vivid memories of a

day in 1940 at Rukupr when he invited us to a debate on the second coming of Christ. He expounded the theory that Christ would not come for he did not die on the cross but departed from his grave to Kashmir, where he lived for the rest of his life. He then showed us the picture of his grave. There was a heated argument.

In 1940 the very first primary school of the mission was established and it has since made tremendous impact on public life in Rukupr, Magbema Chiefdom, Kambia District.

It is interesting to note that plans are afoot for expansion of Health and Education in the Kambia District. From the year 1940 to day twenty one (21) Primary Schools assisted by Government have been established by the Mission and five secondary schools one each in Freetown, Bo, Boajibu, Jurn and Rukupr.

The Mission has been able to establish 150 branches all over the country. Pakistani and local missionaries are responsible for the spiritual advancement of the people.

It is also interesting to note that 4 hospitals have been established one each in Joru, Boajibu, Rukupr and one is proposed to be opened in Masimgbi.

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The Mission has future plans to establish schools, health centres and mission centres in many parts of the country.

It is quite obvious that the educational achievements made by the Ahmadiyya Mission in Sierra Leone within a short space of time, are a clear indication that victory for Islam is nigh as the Holy Quran says. I quote here sura "Al-Nasr." These are but a few of the fine achievements by the Mission and I would like to add that we Sierra Leoneans would be extremely grateful for awards of scholarships abroad by the Missiou. I shall not presume to tell you in detail of their work and in any case I do not think that anyone is unaware of their record. To you people of Rukupr and Kambia District I say, this is a golden opportunity for you that you should endeavour

to make full use of, by educating your children so as to reap the fruits and enjoy the results of such achievement.

I now wish to extend sincere thanks on behalf of the Government and myself to the Ahmadiyya Mission and wish them all success. I would also thank all those who by some efforts, donation or otherwise have directly or indirectly contributed towards the success of this function.

Finally, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me the greatest pleasure to declare this Secondary School and Health Centre open.

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by His graciousness. You should therefore keep rendering sacrifices, being fully alert and keeping your sentiments in proper check, such sacrifices as your Lord demands, the sacrifices that mankind demands today. Allah, the Magnificent, will grant many gifts and great mercies and create conditions of great happiness. Amen!

*Eng: A. G. Soofi*

# Gambian Minister Lauds Ahmadiyya Efforts

Mauritius was the venue of the Commonwealth Medical Conference in November 1971. The Honourable Alhaji Garba Jalumba who represented Gambia on this occassion was given a big reception by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Mauritius at Darus Salam, Rose Hill. The Ahmadiyya Missionary Incharge M. Aslam Qureshi in his welcome address to the distinguished visitor said that it was a matter of great pleasure to greet him in their midst.

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"One of the prophecies of the Holy Founder of the movement Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad says, "Kings shall seek blessings from thy garments" was literally fulfilled in your country when the Honourable Haji Sir F. M. Singhatey, former Governor—General of Gambia, requested the Khalifa-tul-Masih III for a piece of a robe of the Promised Messiah.

Our present Head, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, paid a 5-day visit to your country on Ist May 1970 whilst touring West Africa. He was given a warm welcome by your Government & people for which we are very grateful. The Khalifatul Masih laid the foundation stone of a secondary school at Banukunda in the Mombo St. Mary Division.

Under the Nusrat Jehan Scheme recently launched by our Imam, more schools and medical centres are planned to be established in your country."

## In reply Honourable Al-Haj Garba Jalumba said :

"It is impossible for me to find words sufficient to express how highly honoured and privileged I am to-night for joining in prayers on one of the most blessed evenings of this great month of Ramadhan. The history of th Ahmadiyya Movement in my country is one of great happiness and joy to

every Muslims in the world. Many years ago I happened to be the first Gambian to meet an Ahmadiyya leader in Lagos while I was there for a conference of the commonwealth W.A, countries. A few months later, an Ahmadiyya teacher was sent out to scout for the establishment of the movement in Gambia. The Imam who belongs to another sect and the leaders of the Muslim Community and youth like myself in those days were very glad to see the Ahmadiyya Movement established in Gambia. We were also fortunate to have in the leadership of the movement a great scholar, a very pious Muslim in the person of SHARIF who started the movement, He did all pioneer work together with the help of some Gambians including the distinguished leader, His Excellency the ex Governor General, Sir FAREMANG SINGHATEY. We are very grateful, in particular my humbleself who happened to be the Minister of Education, Health and Social Welfare at the time when the Honourable Hazrat visited my country. I had many fruitful meetings with Khalifa-tul-Masih and I am proud to say as a result of that great visit we are benefitting immensely in the field of social services. All these are blessings showered on the Gambian Muslims by the great minds and through the perseverance and kindess of the Ahmadi Muslims. We shall remain grateful for these services."

## New School in Nigeria

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Opening ceremony of Nusrat Jehan Ahmadiyya secondary school Gusau was held on July eight. Education commissioner Alhaj Ibrahim presided. Five hundred guests including permanent Secretary Education, Chief Planning Education Officer, paramount of Gusau with thirty of the chiefs and government officials participated. The Sultan of Sokoto was represented by a special delegate. Mr. Ismail Wasim the Principal read the addresses of welcome. In reply the Commissioner expressed happiness on the first Muslim organisation opening higher institution which will serve excellent example and assured his co-operation.

# New Ahmadiyya Hospital Facility in Ghana

Fourth Ahmadiyya-financed hospital under the Nusrat Jehan scheme was officially declared open at Agono, Swedro, Central Ghana by his Excellency S. A. Moid, Pakistan's High Commissioner in Ghana, on 28th November 1971. The public function attended by five thousand participants was chaired by the Honourable Saanni Mohama, Deputy Minister of agriculture. Proceedings initiated with recitation of the Holy Quran by Maulvi Abdul Shakoor were followed by a welcome address read by Maulvi Basharat Ahmad Bashir, Amir & missionery incharge Ahmadiyya movement, Ghana. Recounting the services rendered by the Ahmadiyya Movement in the country in the educational and social field he observed that opening hospitals in the country was part of the programme of the movement aimed at regaining lost heritage and glory of Islam.

Dr. Aftab Ahmad medical officer addressing the audience gave a brief outline of the establishment. Eight thousand patients had been treated already and over a hundred major operations had been performed. Dr. Ahmad had responded to the call of the Hazrat Khalifa-tul-Masih offering his services for a period of three years for his African brothers.

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The Pakistan High Commissioner in his address admired the dedicated spirit of his countrymen who he said were serving the people of Ghana under adverse circumstances defying all odds to inspire confidence in the people of Ghana. He apprised the audience of the recent Indian aggression against Pakistan which was received with shouts of "Allahoo Akbar" "Pakistan Zindabad" audience pledging to pray for the safety of Pakistan. In conclusion he paid tributes to Ahmadiyya community for having brought better understanding between the people of the two contries through their dedicated and selfless services.

The chairman in his remarks observed that revival of Islam in Ghana was mainly due to the missionery efforts of Ahmadiyya Movement and Swedro which hitherto was considered a Christian town now boasted a considerable population of Muslims.

The function was attended by paramount chiefs, government officals and notables of the region.

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